



# SWARCEr NEWS

February 2011

## MINUTES FROM MEETING

Minutes recorded by Christopher Caudle (KG4WFD)

February 7, 2011

Jeremy opened the meeting and it was determined that we did not have a quorum

Meeting ideas were proposed

Idea was proposed to have the EQSL guy come in

This will need a vote because this requires that the club provide accommodations

Anna has let the club and herself down at heading up a swap fest

KA0IRG volunteered to help with field day

An issue was raised to raise participation of members as far as coming to meetings

We need parties and fun

Pre game some hamfests

Dave Yow did the program on aviation communication

Next meeting March 7, 2011

Dinner Pot Luck

Meeting Place:

Fuquay-Varina First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 307 N Ennis St.

Dinner at 6:00pm with the meeting to follow at 7:00pm

Program has not been announced.

Check out our nightly Nets on the 145.210 (BLACKJACK) repeater.

Sunday.....W3OJO.....Joe  
Monday.....AJ4NX.....Adrian  
Tuesday.....KA0GMY..Steve  
Wednesday....KJ4CVK...Kenny  
Thursday.. Need Help  
Friday.....NC4MP.....Mark  
Saturday...Need Help

Nightly nets start at 7:30 pm

Traders net held on Tuesday nights after the shortened rag chew net.

## NET WHIP REPORT

Our nightly nets have become mighty poor. At one point during our short time as a club we averaged about 20 to 23 check ins a night. Now we are lucky to average 13 per night. We have over forty members in the club and only averaging 13 check ins. I will tell you that not all of the 13 are members. I hear people and club members talking about getting more people at the club meetings. How about starting with the nets and letting people know you are out there and then they will want to come and see who they been talking to. I am here to tell you that repeater use will result in more club activity.

## HAMFEST

Hey guys guess what .....HAMFEST SEASON..... is here. In the last newsletter I proposed that those who attended any hamfest report back as to how it was. Good or Bad it did not matter. We just want to hear how it was. Did you find what you were looking for? What vintage equipment did you see? That is one of my favorite parts of the hamfest. To walk around and look at the vintage equipment for sale. After over thirty years in the hobby I have used some old equipment and do see some of it for sale at hamfest. It does bring back memories.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- **03/08/2011 | Commemorating Buckingham Air Field/Lee County Mosquito Control**
- **Mar 8-Mar 10, 1400Z-2100Z, W4LX**, Ft Myers, FL. Ft Myers Amateur Radio Club. 28.340 21.350 14.240. Certificate. FMARC, PO Box 61183, Ft Myers, FL 33906. [fmarc.net](http://fmarc.net)
  
- **03/11/2011 | American Red Cross Month Special Event Station**
  
- **Mar 11-Mar 12, 1700Z-2300Z, W8NVY**, Muskegon, MI. American Red Cross Serving Muskegon Oceana and Newaygo Counties. 14.260 7.245 147.420 Simplex EchoLink: W8NVY, Node # 349350. Certificate & QSL. Karen Strait, KD8DHJ, 1479 Sullivan Rd, Ravenna, MI 49451. Times are daily. Dstle
  
- **03/12/2011 | Navy Seabees Birthday, Girl Scouts of America Founded 1912, Centennial of Naval Aviation**
- **Mar 12, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW**, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Radio Operations Room. SSB 14.320 7.250 PSK31 14.070 D-STAR 012C and 2 m/70 cm SOCAL rpters. QSL. USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. [kk6fz@arrrl.net](mailto:kk6fz@arrrl.net)
  
- **03/12/2011 | USS Wisconsin in the Wisconsin QSO Party**
  
- **Mar 12-Mar 13, 1500Z-2130Z, N4WIS**, Virginia Beach, VA. USS Wisconsin Radio Club. 14.264. QSL. N4WIS-USS Wisconsin Radio Club, PO Box 6682, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. [www.n4wis.org](http://www.n4wis.org)
  
- **03/13/2011 | 60th Anniversary of Montachusett ARA**
  
- **Mar 13, 1300Z-2100Z, W1GZ**, Leominster, MA. Montachusett Amateur Radio Association. 21.250 14.250 7.250 3.900. QSL. MARA, PO Box 95, Leominster, MA 01453. Digital operation in digital sub-bands. [www.w1gz.org](http://www.w1gz.org)
  
- **03/14/2011 | International Pi Day / Einstein's Birthday**
- **Mar 14, 0000Z-2359Z, KD8DKU**, Marquette, MI. Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club. 18.155 14.070 7.285. QSL. Lake Effect ARC / Pi, 36 Southfork St, Marquette, MI 49855. See web for ops, plan changes and QSL (paper/electronic) options. [www.lakeeffectarc.info/201120Day.htm](http://www.lakeeffectarc.info/201120Day.htm)
  
- **03/18/2011 | 262nd anniversary of the founding of Goliad**
  
- **Mar 18-Mar 20, 1500Z-2200Z, W5G**, Goliad, TX. Goliad County Amateur Radio Operators. SSB 21.320 14.270 7.215 CW 21.050 14.050 7.050. QSL. Skip Stem, WB4DAD, 655 N Loop 337 #405, New Braunfels, TX 78130. Goliad is the second oldest town in Texas. Operating in conjunction with the Goliad County Fair.
  
- **03/19/2011 | Celebrating The Start of the National Wildlife Refuge System and the 108th Birthday of Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge**
  
- **Mar 19, 1400Z-2100Z, W4OT**, Vero Beach, FL. Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club. 28.450 21.350 14.240 7.255. Certificate. VBARC, PO Box 2082, Vero Beach, FL 32961. Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge was the first. [www.vbarc.net](http://www.vbarc.net)
  
- **03/19/2011 | 29th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival**
  
- **Mar 19, 1400Z-2000Z, W4BKM**, Macon, GA. Macon Amateur Radio Club. 14.240 7.225 145.37. Certificate. MARC, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208. [www.members.cox.net/w4bkm](http://www.members.cox.net/w4bkm)

PUBLIC SERVICE

**March:**

Odyssey of the Mind Tournament at the Chapel Hill High School Complex (3 schools).

Hams are needed for shadowing, coordination and to provide communication between the 3 schools in the complex. Chapel Hill High School, Smith Middle School and Seawell Elementary.

**May:**

MS Walk - Usually in Raleigh or RTP.

Participants walk, stroll, or roll between 1 and 5 miles to create a world free of MS!

# Fuquay-Varina Severe Weather 2011

Sponsored by South Wake Amateur Radio Club

**April 4, 2011**

**7 pm – 9 pm...National Weather Service Basic SKYWARN Training**

**Severe Weather SKYWARN Spotter Training**

The National Weather Service will present a Severe Weather Spotter training program to help participants understand the warning process and severe thunderstorm structure and storm threats.

The following topics will be covered...

- how and why buildings fail in high winds
- thunderstorm development and severity
- recognition of storm/cloud elements
- anticipating storm motion, intensity and severity based on cloud structure
- lightning dynamics and threats

**There is no cost to attend!**

**Location:**

**Fuquay-Varina Presbyterian Church**

**Fellowship Hall**

**307 N. Ennis St**

**Fuquay-Varina, NC**

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**CO....CO....CO....CO****FIELD DAY OPERATORS**

The month of June is coming up on us fast. It is the month of June that I look forward to each year. That is when field day is held and it is the one major event sponsored by the ARRL that draws the most attention from the ham community. It is the one time a year that we get to practice our emergency operating skills. This year it looks like the SWARC group is going to have the same location as last year. Now is the time to start looking at your gear and making plans on what you are going to do. It is time to make the list and get it to your field day coordinator. It is always held on the last full weekend in June and this year that is going to be the 25th and 26th. So get your plans made and let them be known.

Once again I am asking for ideas for the newsletter. If you have something you want covered or if you want to write an article for the newsletter then send the information to

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Sorry this one is later but have had other issues to take care of in the last few days.

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**Public Service through Amateur Radio.**

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.